

Requests for Information

1. Contractor: **Are these specification deviations acceptable?**

- a. Standard lift safe working load 770Lbs
 - i. Specification Deviation = 600Lbs

Government Response: Not acceptable, the medical center currently has lifts with a weight capacity of 600 lbs. and we have had documented instances where these lifts had to be taken out of service due to damage sustained when transferring large patients. The 28.3% variance is an unacceptable risk to safe patient handling.

- b. Bariatric lift safe working load 1100Lbs
 - i. Specification Deviation = 1000Lbs

Government Response: This deviation would be acceptable.

- c. Built-In integrated scale, operable through handset
 - i. Specification Deviation = Standard box scale, read out on scale and not through handset

Government Response: Not acceptable. The scale readout above the hangar bar is not easily accessible or visualized by the healthcare worker. In addition, having the scale mounted above the hangar bar may compromise bed to hangar bar height.

- d. Emergency lowering capability without the use of tools
 - i. Specification Deviation = Emergency lowering capability requires an 8mm allen wrench (included) to activate

Government Response: Not acceptable. In the event of an emergency the using service requires the emergency lowering capability without tools to ensure safe patient handling.

2. Requesting all structural prints for:

- a. Above 4A and 4B
- b. Above 6A and 6B
- c. Above ED
- d. Above 2B (Hemo and Sleep Lab)
- e. Above 5A and 5B
- f. Above 3B (TCU and Hospice)
- g. Above 2E (PCU)
- h. Above 2D (MICU)
- i. Above 3A (Pain)
- j. Above 1B – MRI Holding (appears to be between two building)
- k. Above BB (Pool and CT)

Government Response: Please see attached prints.

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3. Please provide the most updated room listing for this project. The one we were provided was not completely accurate.

Government Response: Please see attachment, "Revised Ceiling Lifts - Location List of Replacement and New Lifts 8_31_16"

4. Please provide locations of bariatric lifts.

Government Response: Please see attached spreadsheet.

5. We were told that the lighting will be changing in the pool area. What type of lighting will be put in place? Dimensions?

Government Response: Same as existing lighting, no change.

6. What type of ceiling tiles are used in the building? Part # and manufacturer?

Government Response: Example: Interior Supply #1772 or equivalent

7. What is the stand-off dimension for sprinkler heads?

Government Response: Follow federal guidelines (should follow NFPA fire code)

8. Are outlets being provided above or below ceiling in the drywall ceiling rooms?

Government Response: The Government shall provide outlets above the drywall or drop ceiling.

9. If any CCT require re-configuring, who exactly is responsible for:
 - a. Providing additional length of track?
 - b. Cutting/joining track?
 - c. Providing joint fixtures?
 - d. Reinstalling CCT?

Government Response: The awardee shall be responsible for repair to curtains.

10. If any light fixtures require replacement, due to track conflict, who is responsible for replacement and reinstallation?

Government Response: The awardee shall be responsible and will coordinate with VAMC, electricians through the COR, for relocation.

11. If any diffusers, lights, access panels, speakers or sprinklers require relocation, who is responsible?

Government Response: The awardee shall be responsible and will coordinate with VAMC, through the COR, for installation or relocation.

12. Can access panels be installed in drywall ceiling rooms? Is there a limit as to how many?

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Government Response: If necessary carpenters can install access panels as needed.

13. Based on the scope of work after the walk through, is the VA willing to revisit the 10 hour work day limit and the 180 day completion deadline?
- ICRA set up
 - Existing system demo
 - Installation of (2) systems in most cases
 - Ceiling repair
 - Manufacturer load testing
 - VA Safety Checklist performance
 - ICRA tear down

Government Response: The period of performance for this action is hereby changed to 365 days.

14. Will an on-site location be provided for material storage container?

Government Response: A “conex” container may be stored in the warehouse lot (if space exists) for storage of materials. This may be coordinated with the COR.

15. Will an on-site location be provided for a dumpster?

Government Response: Arrangements may be made to have space for a dumpster to dispose of demoed materials on a week by week basis.

16. Are there any environmental requirements or guidelines for lifts being demoed? Batteries and pc boards?

Government Response: Contractor is required to dispose of any hazardous materials properly

17. During demo, can existing supporting structure be abandoned above ceiling or does everything need to be completely removed?

Government Response: Completely removed.

18. During the walk through they asked if they could get CADs or prints of all drawings from the facility (rather than the pdfs provided in the fbo.gov posted solicitation). They were told “yes” and please consider this a formal request, as instructed.

Government Response: PDF's have been given to the CO. If prints are required, they will be provided upon award

19. During the walk through it was noted that the room list is not accurate. Please provide an updated/accurate room list with number of lifts per room.

Government Response: A corrected list was provided to the CO

20. Please provide the PSI of the concrete into which the rails will be installed.

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Government Response: See provided Structural Drawings.

21. Please provide clarification on whether the facility is looking for maximum room coverage from the traverse lift systems (current lifts are small traverse systems that have limited room coverage).

Government Response: Yes, the facility is looking for expanded room coverage to ensure patient safety. The PWS specifically states the Government is looking for full XY coverage in all patient care rooms including the ability to transfer the patient to the commode using the same lift system in patient care areas that necessitate this type of care (example: MICU has toilets installed in the room near the patient's bed. The lift must have this requirement).

22. In Rehab area 6A-107 the following questions arose:

a) Could the parallel bars be moved so the rail could be 18" from the above sprinkler head?

Government Response: The bars may be moved.

b) Could the light above the parallel bars (2x4) be reduced down to 2x2, to allow the rail to run over and not block the light.

Government Response: Yes, VAMC Cleveland may replace lights fixture as necessary.

23. Radiology Holding Area: Please provide clarification regarding the structure above the ceiling. Is it web joist or concrete deck?

Government Response: Please see structural drawings.

24. In regards to the plenum space above the drop ceiling is it possible to obtain information regarding the minimum to maximum plenum space that could be encountered?

Government Response: Height varies between approximately 24"/30" to 6"/8" depending on obstructions in place.